

NSSH Part 622

622.05 Hydric Soils

a. Definition. A hydric soil is a soil that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. Hydric soils along with hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology are used to define wetlands.

b. Policy. The current criteria for generating a list of hydric soils is in the Federal Register, February 29, 2012, volume 77, number 40, page 12234. The reference for field identification of hydric soils and their delineation is Field Indicators of Hydric Soils of the United States: A Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils, Version 7.0, 2010.

States maintain current lists of hydric soil map units in the field office technical guide.